

the American Revolution this year is long, but that is not the focus of my remarks today.

Gail has turned the teaching of history and civics into the action of patriotism. Perhaps the most compelling and significant accomplishment of Gail Chumbley is not her esteemed list of awards and honors, which are many and richly-deserved. Her most important contribution is her role in creating a sense of citizenship within the hearts and intellect of many Idaho young people. This citizenship lives on in these students as they grow into adulthood and manifests itself in their actions, commitments and convictions. It is an entity that grows exponentially and of its own volition, eclipsing plaques, certificates and statuettes. These gather dust, but what they represent are the pillars upon which our country stands firm. This living citizenship is immortalized by the marbled statues of men and women not far from here, and in words carved of the same.

I honor Gail Chumbley today: American patriot, exemplary citizen and role model for all of us.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH P. FITZGERALD

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I salute Joseph P. Fitzgerald, who is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to the Government and people of the United States of America.

For the past quarter century, Mr. Fitzgerald has worked in the Audio-visual Program Development Branch at the Lister Hill National Center for Bio-communications, which is part of the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Mr. Fitzgerald, who is a renaissance man of creative vision and artistic talent, has made exceptional contributions to the outreach and communications mission of the largest biomedical library in the world. As technological advances in the dissemination of both visual and text-based information have evolved over the past 25 years, Mr. Fitzgerald has led the way in adopting computer-based graphics systems. And he has helped the National Library of Medicine to communicate the most current and reliable medical and consumer health information to medical professionals, researchers, patients, families and the public.

The number 25 figures prominently in the life story of Joe Fitzgerald for another reason, too. He recently became the 25th person in the history of the Republic to execute a design for the front of a circulating coin. His groundbreaking portrait of Thomas Jefferson graces the new U.S. five-cent coin, as will his obverse design of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which will be released in August. Both commissions were awarded as part of the United States Mint at the Treasury Department's Artistic Infusion Program. Mr. Fitzgerald's portrait of Thomas Jefferson marks the first redesign of

the front of the nickel in 67 years. His nickel designs have been acclaimed throughout the coin collecting community, and Mr. Fitzgerald has received significant national press attention.

Joe Fitzgerald earned a B.A. in fine arts from the University of Maryland, College Park and pursued graduate studies in printmaking at the State University of New York at Oswego. He has served several Federal agencies: the United States Postal Service, summers, 1968-1972; the Food & Drug Administration, 1972-1973; the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1973-1980; and the National Library of Medicine, 1980-2005. Mr. Fitzgerald has earned numerous awards for outstanding contributions and service to the National Library of Medicine, including the 1996 NLM Director's Honor Award for exceptional contributions to the mission of the library through the creative application of his artistic talent, and the 2003 National Institutes of Health Award for Merit for his organization, coordination and congenial leadership in effectively orchestrating the "Turning the Pages" historical medical books program.

In addition, Mr. Fitzgerald is a gifted fine artist. Nationally recognized for his work in paint, pastel and digital media, his creations have been sent around the world through the Embassy Art program, and are held in many private collections. He is currently represented by the Foxhall Gallery in Washington, DC.

Joe Fitzgerald is one of the most beloved individuals ever to tread the NIH campus, and I wish him well in his retirement. He is married to Jean Hill Fitzgerald, another career civil servant who currently works at the National Archives. I thank Joe for distinguished career in public service, and I wish him many years of happiness in retirement.●

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JIM HUFF

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Mr. Jim Huff of Northern Kentucky who was recently honored with one of the "Movers and Shakers" awards for the Greater Cincinnati area. Mr. Huffs life accomplishments and dedication to Commonwealth of Kentucky have given me reason to be proud.

Over the past 60 years, Mr. Huff has grown to be a leader both within the community of Northern Kentucky and within the real estate industry. He has served as chairman of the Kentucky Real Estate Commission for five consecutive terms. During this time he established a statewide errors and omissions insurance platform, which continues to serve the needs of Kentucky real estate practitioners today. In 1981, he was awarded Realtor of the Year by the Kenton-Boone Board of Realtors, for which he later served as president.

Throughout his life, Mr. Huff has always been active in civic affairs in

Northern Kentucky. He has been an integral part of his community serving on numerous boards, including Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Saint Elizabeth Medical Foundation, Kids Helping Kids, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Fine Arts Foundation and as a trustee for Thomas More College.

The "Movers and Shakers" award of Northern Kentucky is an annual award presented to honor those within the greater Cincinnati region who stand as an example for all. It is presented by the Kentucky Enquirer, the Sales and Marketing Council of Northern Kentucky, The Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky, and The Kentucky Post.

As a Senator from Kentucky, I appreciate the devotion Mr. Huff has shown over the years to the citizens of Kentucky. I commend his efforts and hope his example of dedication and hard work will serve as an inspiration to the entire State.●

RACIST MANIFESTATIONS IN ROMANIA DESERVE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, as chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I welcomed the recent visit of Romanian Foreign Minister Razvan Ungureanu, and I regret that I was not in Washington to meet with him. Our countries have forged closer links, and I hope that trend will continue.

While there have been many positive reforms implemented in Romania, unfortunately the situation of the Romani minority is largely the same. Romania has the largest Roma minority in Europe, estimated at 1.5-2 million people. They remain profoundly marginalized and subjected to pervasive discrimination and prejudice.

On April 13, for example, a soccer match in Bucharest turned very, very ugly. Fans of one team, Steaua Bucharest, unfurled a banner reading "We have always had and will always have something against Gypsies." They chanted, "We have always hated Gypsies and we have always urinated on you." During the game, the stadium announcer played an anti-Roma song called "Gypsies and UFOs" and made anti-Roma remarks. The coach of Steaua Bucharest called the coach of the opposing team a "stinking Gypsy." The opposing team, Rapid Bucharest, is from a district with a significant Romani minority.

Response to this rabid anti-Roma manifestation was swift with mixed results.

On April 20, the Romanian Football League suspended the stadium announcer for 6 months. But the League also sanctioned both teams that were present at the April 13 match: Steaua Bucharest, the team responsible for hurling racist invective was fined, but so was Rapid Bucharest, the team against whom these slurs were directed. While it is completely appropriate for a sports league to police

itself and its members, sanctioning those who were the targets of this abuse makes no sense. No one will be fooled by the League's effort to appear pro-active and even-handed while punishing the very people who were the victims of abuse.

The National Council for Combating Discrimination, a Romanian Government body, also sanctioned the offending team about \$1400 and fined the stadium announcer about \$600. The fact that a governmental body so quickly recognized the racist nature of these events was a positive signal. However, any time a state positions itself to regulate speech, there is the risk that free speech, which may include unpopular or controversial views, will be unduly limited. I believe there are other ways to combat racist, xenophobic, or anti-Semitic manifestations. In particular, it is critical that Romania's public leaders, including President Traian Basescu, speak out against such manifestations.

Unfortunately, the April 13 events were not an isolated phenomenon, but part of a pattern of racist abuse in Romania. In 2002, scores of fans at a Bucharest soccer match worked in concert to display a massive sign reading "Die, Gypsy." In 2003, like-minded fans displayed a sign reading "One million crows, one solution—Antonescu." "Crow" is a pejorative slang term in Romanian for a member of the Romani minority. General Ion Antonescu was Romania's World War II fascist dictator who spearheaded the selection of Roma for deportation to Transnistria.

These manifestations tell us two things. First, it is not enough for public leaders to leave it to the National Council for Combating Racism to speak out against these manifestations. Romania's highest leaders must stand up and confront such outrages. Those who would foment racism, and who potentially incite racist violence, must be given no safe harbor. Invoking praise for the World War II dictator who oversaw the persecution of Romania's Jews and Roma is despicable.

Second, these manifestations underscore the need for continued efforts to improve Holocaust education in Romania.

Following decades of denial, the Government of Romania has made great strides in the past year in recognizing Romania's role in the Holocaust and in the deportation and death of Jewish and Romani citizens. The government is to be commended for taking steps to examine this dark and painful chapter in the country's history. Last November, the International Commission for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania, led by Elie Wiesel, officially issued its findings in Bucharest. In addition to the establishment of a national Holocaust Remembrance Day, which Romania marks on October 9, the Commission recommended that Romania establish a national Holocaust memorial and museum in Bucharest, annual war criminal rehabilitations and de-

velop a Holocaust education curricula and courses in secondary schools and universities. I hope the Government of Romania will move quickly to implement the Wiesel Commission's recommendations.

With this in mind, I was heartened to learn that in April the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest hosted the premier of "Hidden Sorrows," a documentary about the tragic deportation of 25,000 Roma from Romania to Transnistria during the Holocaust; more than 11,000 men, women and children died from the horrific conditions of their internment. Several, nearly 100-year-old survivors attended the premier, adding a deeply personal element to the documentary's message.

From the Inquisition to the Holocaust, Roma have suffered some of humanity's worst abuses. They were enslaved in Romania until the formation of the modern Romanian state in 1864. They were persecuted and deported and murdered during the Holocaust. Even after the fall of Ceausescu, they were subjected to dozens of pogroms. And yet they have survived.

The Romani people, who have endured so much, should not be made to suffer at a time that otherwise holds so much promise and hope for so many. We must ensure that these people, their culture, and their heritage are not destroyed by hatred and violence. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1279. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 637(d)(I) of the Help Commission Act (22 U.S.C. 2394b) and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) House Around the Globe Commission: Mr. Robert H. Michel of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Jennifer Dunn of Virginia, Mr. William C. Lane of Virginia, and Mr. Nicholas Eberstadt of Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 801 of Public Law 101-696 (40 U.S.C. 188a(c)), the Chairman (Mr. NEY) of the Joint Committee on the Library appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives as his designee to the Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. MICA of Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Com-

mittee on the Records of Congress: Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois.

At 6:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: .

H.R. 1544. An act to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mr. AKIN of Missouri and Mr. SKELTON of Missouri.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. CUNNINGHAM of California and Mr. WICKER of Mississippi.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1279. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1544. An act to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2099. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of officers authorized to wear the insignia of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2100. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2101. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2102. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of the grade of admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.